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SUBJECT: CANBERRA PROGRAM FOR EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB,
FEB 9-11

REF: (A) CANBERRA 8226; (B) STATE 278190

1. SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB IN
CANBERRA (REF A) HAS NOW BEEN LARGELY ACCEPTED BY DFA.
AMBASSADOR WILL HAVE DEPARTED ON HOME LEAVE AND WILL NOT BE
PRESENT FOR MEETINGS, BUT HE INVITES ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB
AND FSO HELBLE TO STAY AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE DURING VISIT TO
CANBERRA. CHARGE' WILL ATTEND MEETINGS.

2. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - NO SCHEDULE FOR AFTERNOON. GOLF
GAME CAN BE ARRANGED FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY IF HE WISHES.
EVENING DINNER AT RESIDENCE WITH SENIOR EMBASSY STAFF (STAG).

3. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 9:30 AM - CALL ON MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILLESEE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE. 10:00 AM TO
12:00 NOON, APPROXIMATELY, MEETING AT DFA FOR FOREIGN POLICY
DISCUSSION. 12:30, APPROXIMATELY, LUNCHEON AT DFA FOR THOSE
PARTICIPATING IN MEETING, HOSTED BY DFA SECRETARY ALAN RENOUF.
3:30 PM MEETING AT RESIDENCE WITH AMCHAM GROUP. EVENING -
STAG DINNER AT RESIDENCE. DFA TELLS US THAT PRIME MINISTER
WHITLAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HABIB AT SOME POINT DURING
VISIT AND SUGGESTS THAT THIS MAY BE ONLY TIME AVAILABLE.
HOWEVER, IMPOSSIBLE TO CONFIRM DINNER AT THIS POINT, AND
DATE WILL BE PROBLEM, AS PARLIAMENT RESUMES SESSION ON
FEB 11.

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4. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - MORNING DEPARTURE FOR SYDNEY.

5. ON SUBJECT MATTER FOR MEETING AT DFA FEB 10, RENOUF HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR HE WOULD PREFER ESSENTIALLY UNSTRUCTURED MEETING, WITH NO FORMAL AGENDA. LOGICAL SUBJECT MATTER MIGHT BE OUTLOOK IN INDO-CHINA AND PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATION, IN ADDITION TO AUSTRALIANS REVIEWING WHITLAM'S DISCUSSION OF INDIAN OCEAN WITH SOVIETS DURING HIS RECENT MOSCOW VISIT. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIANS DO NOT RPT NOT WANT AGENDA. RENOUF WILL PROBABLY EXPRESS SOME DISSATISFACTION WITH LONG AND DE-TAILED AGENDA AT ANZUS OFFICIAL TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER AND HOPE LESS STRUCTURED AGENDA FOR CONSULTATIONS WILL BE MORE PRODUCTIVE.
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